

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action issued February 16, 2011. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-17 are requested.

The Office Action

Claim 4 (and the claims dependent therefrom) and claim 15 (and the claims dependent therefrom) stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 9-14 stand allowed.

**The Claims Are Now in Condition
For Allowance**

Claim 4 has been rewritten to set forth the method steps clearly and positively. The antecedent basis issues noted by the Examiner have also be resolved.

Although the Office Action sets forth the 35 U.S.C. § 112 objections in detail, these details do not appear to be applicable to claim 15. In reviewing claim 15, it was noted that the allocation unit transmitted the code. However, claim 15 did not further state which structure received the code. Claim 15 has now been amended to address this issue.

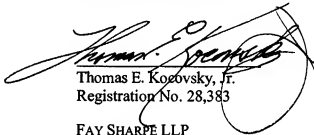
With this amendment, it is submitted that claims 2-8 and 15-17 comply fully with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 2-17 distinguish patentably over the references of record and meet all statutory requirements. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at 216.363.9000.

Respectfully submitted,

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